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INTRODUCTION

Secondary Source

The present history of the Contact Division, Office of Operations,
from three principal sources. First is a large quantity of
 is drawn ~~in very large part from~~ material supplied by the Division itself.

This ~~material~~ is in the form of two voluminous historical studies prepared
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in 1952 and 1954 by ~~_____~~, an officer of the Contact Division,

~~and forms one of the three principal sources of the present work.~~ Written,

~~as they have been~~ from the vantage-point of long experience with the work

of the Contact Division, these studies are absolutely essential to any

understanding of its mission and its ~~operation~~ *activities*. Their contents reveal a

wide and accurate knowledge of the Division's history since 1946 and have

been invaluable in the preparation of the present work. ~~Without the~~

~~possession of these two works the Historical Staff would have been faced~~

~~with virtually unsurmountable difficulties and obstacles in the accomplishment~~

~~of its own mission.~~ The Contact Division, it is understood, has from the

beginning made a special effort to maintain an accurate historical record,

deserves
 for its own purposes, of its activities. This effort ~~is worthy of~~ the

highest commendation, not only because it has enormously facilitated the

work of the Historical Staff, but also because it reveals a true understanding

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of the importance of historical records, ^{→ to the utilization} ~~whether history is to be regarded~~
~~purpose and use employment of history in and~~
~~as useful for its own sake, that of preserving and passing on knowledge of~~
~~of a Government agency:~~
~~the past, or whether it is to be regarded as having a very utilitarian~~

~~purpose and use~~ ^{the utilization of} ~~that of employing~~ the knowledge of the past ^{assess and} to improve

present and future activities.

^{secondary}
 The second major source for the present study is the book written during
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1951-1953 by ~~██████████~~ ~~entitled~~ The Central Intelligence Agency, an
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Instrument of Government, 1940-1950. Whereas ~~██████████~~ works very properly

are histories of one office within the Central Intelligence Agency and thus

^{matters}
 emphasize those ~~things~~ which most closely relate to Contact Division's own
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activities and problems, ~~██████████~~ work is primarily the history of the

~~overall picture of the~~ development of a national intelligence service ^{and} ~~In~~
^{therefore of necessity} ~~subordinates analysis of~~
~~this work, therefore,~~ the immediate problems of individual offices, ~~are of~~

~~necessity subordinated to the~~ discussion of the many problems attendant
^{legal and other}

upon the attempt to establish an activity, ~~a central intelligence agency,~~
^{both in theory and in fact,}
 completely new ⁱⁿ American history.

Since the present effort ~~of the~~ Historical Staffs ^{to combine} ~~primarily that of~~

~~combining~~ the history of the idea of central intelligence with that of the

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individual components of the Central Intelligence Agency, [REDACTED]

work has been utilized where appropriate. The material drawn from his

book deals chiefly with the events of the summer and fall of 1946, when

there was so much discussion of how domestic collection of foreign intelligence

information was to be organized, and with the events leading up to NSCID 7.

In addition to the foregoing secondary source material
~~The third major source for the present work has been certain documents~~
certain primary sources have been used. These consist of
~~now in the Historical Staff files. These deal principally with the early~~
~~history of the Central Intelligence Group and the Central Intelligence Agency,~~
~~and will serve to elaborate and confirm, where appropriate, the works~~
~~already mentioned above.~~

→ documents at present in the Historical Staff files and include interviews with key persons, memoranda, directives and regulations, transcripts and minutes, and correspondence.